

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the invention entitled "METAL ION SPECIFIC CAPACITY AFFINITY SENSOR," which is described and claimed in the specification and claims of International Patent Application No. PCT/SE98/01638, which was filed on 15 September 1998 and for which a patent is sought.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the foregoing specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of the foreign patent application listed below:

PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119:			
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
Sweden	9703315-3	15 September 1998	Yes

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We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

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For: Metal Ion Specific Capacity Affinity Sensor

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) AND 1.27(d) -- NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION)

I declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

Name of Organization: Vlaamse Instelling voor Technologisch Onderzoek
Address of Organization: Boeretang 200, B-2400 Mol, BELGIUM

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

- ☒ university or other institution of higher education
☐ tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. §§ 501(a) and 501(c)(3))
☐ nonprofit scientific or educational under statute of a state of the United States of America
(Name of state: _____)
(Citation of statute: _____)
☐ would qualify as tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. §§ 501(a) and 501(c)(3)) if located in the United States of America
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- ☐ would qualify as nonprofit scientific or educational under statute of a state of the United States of America if located in the United States of America
(Name of state: _____)
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We declare that the above-identified nonprofit organizations qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. §§ 41(a) and 41(b) with regard to the invention entitled:

METAL ION SPECIFIC CAPACITY AFFINITY SENSOR

by inventor Bo Mattiasson, et al.

as described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith.
- ☒ Application No. PCT/SE98/01638, filed 15 September 1998.
- ☐ Patent No. _____, issued _____.

We declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above-identified invention.

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e).*

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern and organization having rights to the invention averring to his/its status as a small entity. (37 C.F.R. § 1.27)

FULL NAME Vlaamse Instelling voor Technologisch Onderzoek (Vito)

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- ☐ individual
☐ small business concern
☒ nonprofit organization

FULL NAME _____

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We acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earlier of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b))

We declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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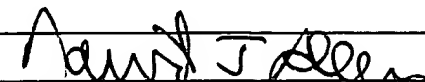
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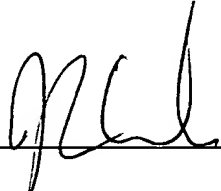
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